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So how can we pray?
1. Commission your kids

Why not pray for your kids and youth during one of your church services in September as they start their new school year?

Pray for their success in:

Choosing friends,
Academic work,
Health and well-being,
Knowing Jesus

Note: The second Sunday in September is usually 'Education Sunday' for more resources see cte.org.uk/education-sunday/



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2. Add to your regular meetings

Why not add 'praying for your local school(s)' to your prayer meeting list of things to pray for?

Pray for:

Headteachers and governance,
Teachers and teaching,
Pastoral care and additional needs,
Children/Young people and their families

Note: 10 ways to pray for schools...

https://www.prayforschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/TWTP-for-Schools_Online-v4.pdf



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3. Join a group to pray regularly

There are many groups that pray specifically for schools across the area. Why not join one, or start your own?

Organisations that pray:

niscu: [niscu.org.uk/contact us](http://niscu.org.uk/contact-us)

Pray for schools: prayforschools.org,

Gideons: goodnewsuk.com

Note: Contact us if you want to find other schools work specific groups in your area.

[niscu.org.uk/contact us](http://niscu.org.uk/contact-us)



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A SUGGESTED PLAN TO PRAY

1. In preparation (5 mins)

Col 4:2 (NCV)

"Continue praying, keeping alert, and always thanking God."

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT)

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

2. Worship (10 mins)

Col 3:1 (AMP)

"Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

1 Tim 3:16 (NCV)

"Without doubt, the secret of our life of worship is great: He was shown to us in a human body, proved right in spirit and seen by angels. He was proclaimed to the nations, believed in by the world, and taken up in glory."

Rom 8:39 (NIV)

"...neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



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3. For the witness of the church (10 mins)

Eph 5:1-2 (NIV)

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

John 11:25-26 (NIV)

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

John 7:38 (NIRV)

"Does anyone believe in me? Then, just as Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from inside them."

4. For our local schools (15 mins)

Heb 12:1-3 (NIV)

"...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."



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4. For our local schools (15 mins)

Jude 1:1-2 (NIV)

"...To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance."

Col 3:2 (ESV)

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

5. For niscu (15 mins)

Psalms 27:8 (NIV)

"My heart says of you, 'Seek his face.'
Your face, Lord, I will seek."

1 Sam 12:24 (GNT)

"Obey the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. Remember the great things he has done for you."

2 Cor 12:9 (NIV)

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

Holy Bible

Your
4-18
Community

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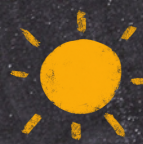
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6. Listen and close (5 mins)

Heb 13:20-21 (NCV)

"I pray that the God of peace will give you every good thing you need so you can do what he wants. God raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, because of the blood of his death. His blood began the eternal agreement that God made with his people. I pray that God will do in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, and to him be glory forever and ever. Amen"

LISTEN.
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Let your
light
Shine



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OTHER THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Children

- For joy and laughter
- For lasting healthy friendships
- For peace as children move classes or start new schools
- For inspired learning
- For meaningful and inspiring acts of worship

Teachers

- For compassion and awareness of the value of each child
- For creative and inspired ideas
- For a fun, kind atmosphere in each classroom
- For the fruit of the Spirit to overflow from Christian staff
- For God's peace and patience when feeling anxious or frustrated

Head teachers

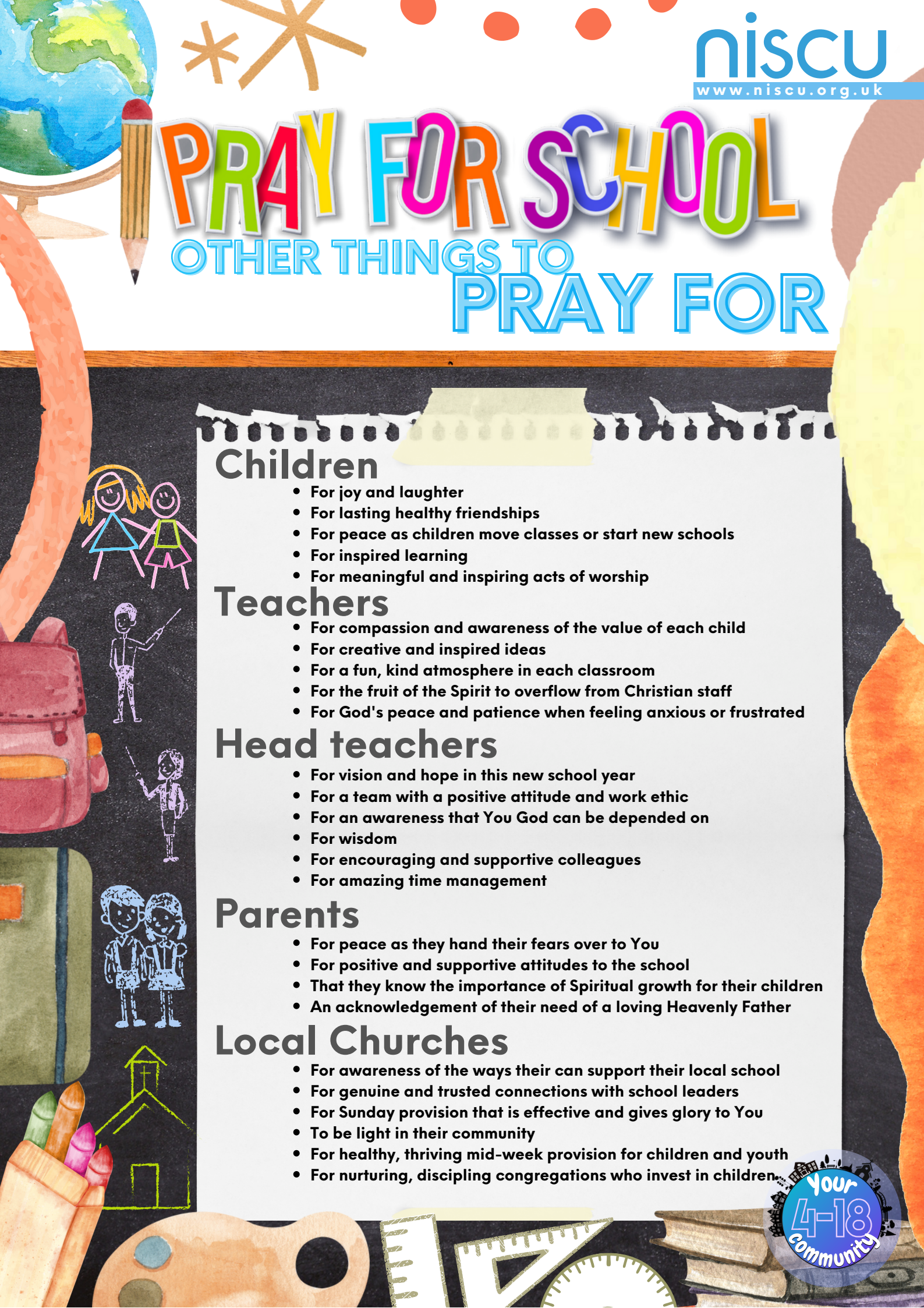
- For vision and hope in this new school year
- For a team with a positive attitude and work ethic
- For an awareness that You God can be depended on
- For wisdom
- For encouraging and supportive colleagues
- For amazing time management

Parents

- For peace as they hand their fears over to You
- For positive and supportive attitudes to the school
- That they know the importance of Spiritual growth for their children
- An acknowledgement of their need of a loving Heavenly Father

Local Churches

- For awareness of the ways their can support their local school
- For genuine and trusted connections with school leaders
- For Sunday provision that is effective and gives glory to You
- To be light in their community
- For healthy, thriving mid-week provision for children and youth
- For nurturing, discipling congregations who invest in children.



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OTHER RESOURCES TO PRAY

Weekly Devotions from our Week of Vision and prayer



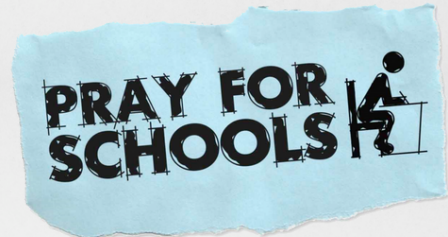
7 days devotion and prayer focussed on you, your church and your 4-18 community.

Click here to access the devotional from 2022: ['The Road to Emmaus'](#).

Click here to access the devotional from 2023: ['Jesus at Nain'](#).

Use the resources at Pray for Schools

See www.prayforschools.org for more resources and events to help you and your church pray for your schools.



Use our Prayer diary

For a month of suggested daily prayer ideas for your schools, and 4-18 community.

[Click here to access our Prayer Diary.](#)

